

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
U. S. Application No. 09/640,684

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

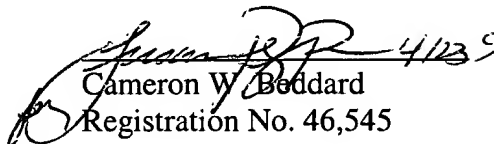
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